

**TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
PROVIDER FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Interim Payment Rates for Small and Large State-Operated Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability (ICF/IIDs)

Interim payment rates are proposed to be effective retroactive to September 1, 2022.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED INTERIM PAYMENT RATES

To be Effective Retroactive to September 1, 2022

This document contains information relating to the proposed Medicaid interim payment rates for small and large state-operated Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability (ICF/IIDs). The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is proposing these interim rates to ensure there are adequate funds to serve the individuals in these facilities. The proposed interim rates account for actual and projected increases in costs to operate these facilities. The proposed Medicaid interim payment rates are to be effective retroactive to September 1, 2022.

Hearing

HHSC will conduct an in-person public hearing to receive comments on proposed Medicaid interim payment rates at 9:00 a.m. on October 27, 2022. The hearing will be held in compliance with Texas Human Resources Code Section 32.0282, which requires public notice of hearings on proposed Medicaid reimbursements.

The public hearing will be held in the HHSC John H. Winters Building, Public Hearing Room 125W, First Floor, at 701 W. 51st St., Austin, TX 78751. Free parking is available in front of the building and in the adjacent parking garage. HHSC will consider feedback shared during the hearing before final rate approval. Should you have any questions regarding the information in this document, please contact:

Provider Finance Department Long-Term Services and Supports
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Email: PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov

HHSC will archive the recorded public hearing. The recording can be accessed on-demand after the hearing at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings>.

Background

There are currently thirteen SSLCs and four Bond Homes in operation. All are reimbursed on a statewide uniform interim daily rate per person served. Interim reimbursement rates for SSLCs and Bond Homes are required to allow for the availability of adequate funds to serve individuals residing in these facilities and do not vary by level of need. These amended proposed interim rates account for actual and projected increases in costs to operate these facilities.

Methodology

The proposed payment rates were determined in accordance with Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 355.456, which addresses the reimbursement methodology for ICF/IIDs.

Proposed Interim Payment Rates

HHSC proposes the following interim per diem reimbursement rates for small and large state-operated ICFs/IID to be effective retroactive to September 1, 2022:

- Small State-Operated ICF/IIDs - Medicaid-only clients:
Proposed interim daily rate: \$723.50
- Large State-Operated ICFs/IIDs – Medicaid-only clients:
Proposed interim daily rate: \$994.17
- Large State-Operated ICF/IIDs – Dual-eligible Medicaid/Medicare clients:
Proposed interim daily rate: \$947.50

Written Comments

Written comments regarding the proposed payment rates may be submitted instead of, or in addition to, oral testimony until 5:00 p.m. the day of the hearing. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance Department, Mail Code H-400, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030; by fax to Provider Finance at (512) 730-7475; or by email to PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov. In addition, written comments may be sent by overnight mail or hand delivered to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Attention: Provider Finance, Mail Code H-400, North Austin Complex, 4601 W. Guadalupe St., Austin, TX 78751.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact HHSC Provider Finance Department by calling (512) 730-7401 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Preferred Communication

Contact the HHSC Provider Finance Department by phone at (737) 867-7817 or by email at pdf-ltss@hhs.texas.gov if you have any questions regarding the information in this document.